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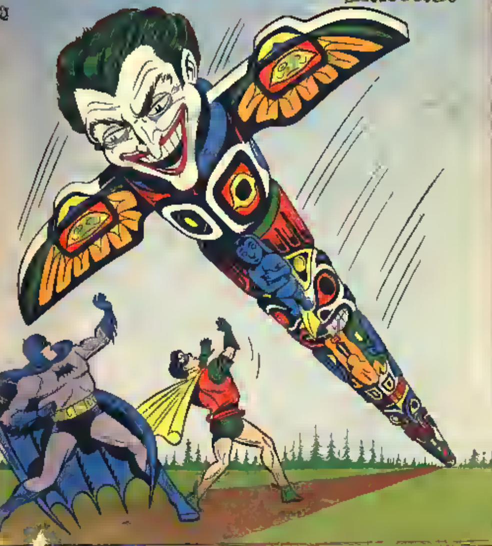
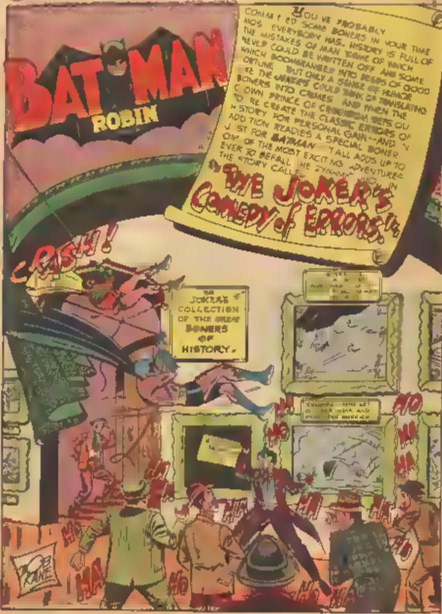
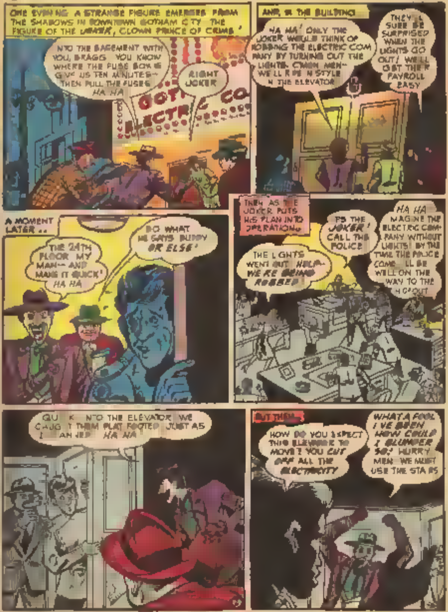
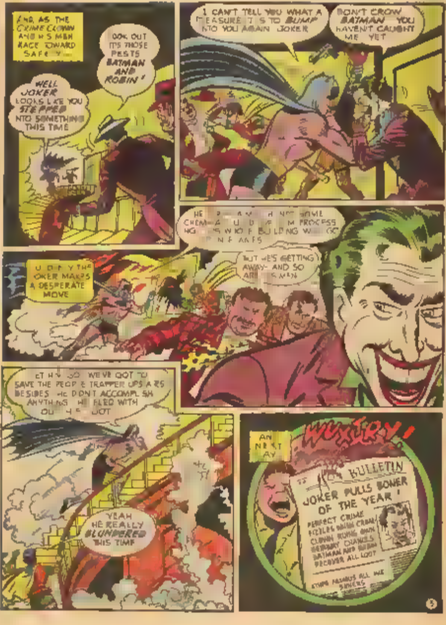
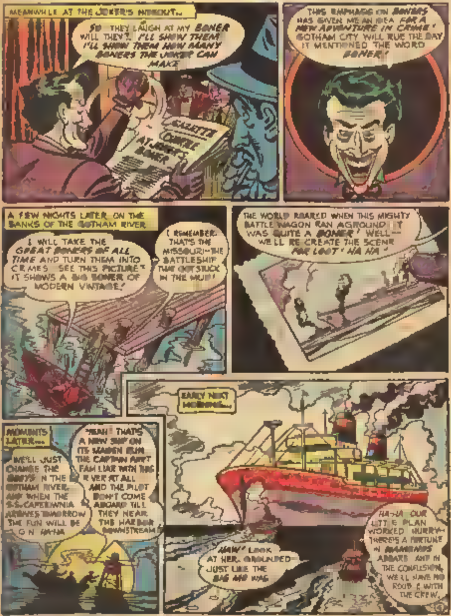
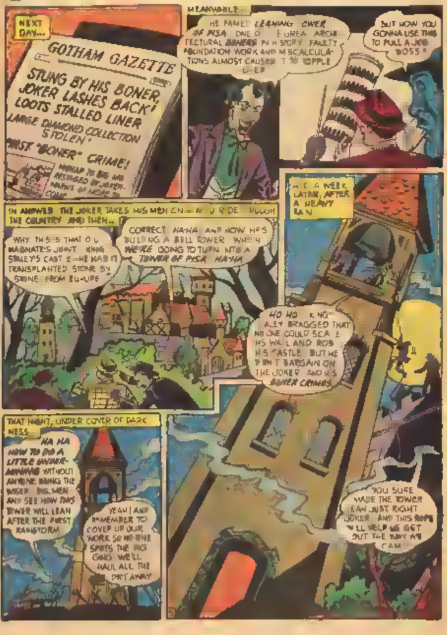



BATMAN
ROBIN
YOU'VE PROBABLY COMMITTED SOME BONERS IN YOUR TIME ... MOST EVERYBODY HAS. HISTORY IS FULL OF THE MISTAKES OF MAN. SOME OF WHICH NEVER COULD BE WRITTEN OFF AND SOME WHICH BOOMERANGED INTO DEEDS OF GOOD FORTUNE. BUT ONLY A SENSE OF HUMOR LIKE THE JOKER'S COULD THINK OF TRANSLATING BONERS INTO CRIMES. AND WHEN THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIMEDOM SETS OUT TO RE-CREATE THE CLASSIC ERRORS OF HISTORY FOR PERSONAL GAIN -- AND IN ADDITION READIES A SPECIAL BONER JUST FOR BATMAN ... IT ALL ADDS UP TO ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING ADVENTURES EVER TO BEFALL THE DYNAMIC DUO, IN THE STORY CALLED
"THE JOKER'S COMEDY of ERRORS!"
CRASH!
THE JOKER'S COLLECTION OF THE GREAT BONERS OF HISTORY.
HA HO
HO HA HA
HO HA HA HA HO
HA HO HA
BOB KANE


ONE EVENING A STRANGE FIGURE EMERGES FROM THE SHADOWS IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY THE FIGURE OF THE JOKER, CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME!
INTO THE BASEMENT WITH YOU, BRAGG. YOU KNOW WHERE THE FUSE BOX IS GIVE US TEN MINUTES— THEN PULL THE FUSES HA HA
RIGHT JOKER
GOTHIC ELECTRIC CO
AND, IN THE BUILDING
HA HA! ONLY THE JOKER WOULD THINK OF ROBBING THE ELECTRIC COMPANY BY TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS. C'MON MEN— WE'LL RIDE IN STYLE IN THE ELEVATOR
THEY'LL SURE BE SURPRISED WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT! WE'LL GET THEIR PAYROLL EASY
A MOMENT LATER ..
THE 24TH FLOOR MY MAN— AND MAKE IT QUICK! HA HA
DO WHAT HE SAYS BUDDY OR ELSE!
THEN AS THE JOKER PUTS HIS PLAN INTO OPERATION—
THE LIGHTS WENT OUT HELP— WE'RE BEING ROBBED!
IT'S THE JOKER! CALL THE POLICE
HA HA IMAGINE THE ELECTRIC COMPANY WITHOUT LIGHTS! BY THE TIME THE POLICE COME WE'LL BE WELL ON THE WAY TO THE HIDEOUT
QUICK, INTO THE ELEVATOR! WE CAUGHT THEM FLAT FOOTED JUST AS I PLANNED! HA HA
BUT THEN...
HOW DO YOU EXPECT THIS ELEVATOR TO MOVE? YOU CUT OFF ALL THE ELECTRICITY
WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN HOW COULD I BLUNDER SO! HURRY MEN WE MUST USE THE STAIRS


AND, AS THE CRIME CLOWN AND HIS MEN RACE TOWARD SAFETY—
LOOK OUT! IT'S THOSE PESTS BATMAN AND ROBIN!
WELL, JOKER, LOOKS LIKE YOU STEPPED INTO SOMETHING THIS TIME
I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO BUMP INTO YOU AGAIN, JOKER
DON'T CROW, BATMAN! YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT ME YET
HE'S [illegible] SOME CHEMICAL [illegible] PROCESSING [illegible] WHOLE BUILDING WILL GO UP IN FLAMES
BUT HE'S GETTING AWAY— AND SO ARE HIS MEN
SUDDENLY THE JOKER MAKES A DESPERATE MOVE
LET HIM GO! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THE PEOPLE TRAPPED UPSTAIRS! BESIDES, HE DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING! HE FLED WITHOUT THE LOOT
YEAH! HE REALLY BLUNDERED THIS TIME
AND NEXT DAY
WUXTRY!
BULLETIN
JOKER PULLS BONER OF THE YEAR!
PERFECT CRIME FIZZLES WHEN CRIME CLOWN BUNGS OWN ROBBERY CHANCES BATMAN AND ROBIN RECOVER ALL LOOT


MEANWHILE AT THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...
SO-- THEY LAUGH AT MY BONER WILL THEY?! I'LL SHOW THEM-- I'LL SHOW THEM HOW MANY BONERS THE JOKER CAN MAKE
GAZETTE
CHUCKLE AT JOKER'S BONER
THIS EMPHASIS ON BONERS HAS GIVEN ME AN IDEA FOR A NEW ADVENTURE IN CRIME! GOTHAM CITY WILL RUE THE DAY IT MENTIONED THE WORD BONER!
A FEW NIGHTS LATER ON THE BANKS OF THE GOTHAM RIVER
I WILL TAKE THE GREAT BONERS OF ALL TIME AND TURN THEM INTO CRIMES-- SEE THIS PICTURE? IT SHOWS A BIG BONER OF MODERN VINTAGE!
I REMEMBER! THAT'S THE MISSOURI--THE BATTLESHIP THAT GOT STUCK IN THE MUD!
THE WORLD ROARED WHEN THIS MIGHTY BATTLE WAGON RAN AGROUND! IT WAS QUITE A BONER! WELL-- WE'LL RE-CREATE THE SCENE FOR LOOT! HA HA!
EARLY NEXT MORNING...
MOMENTS LATER...
WE'LL JUST CHANGE THE BUOYS IN THE GOTHAM RIVER, AND WHEN THE S.S. CALEDONIA ARRIVES TOMORROW THE FUN WILL BEGIN! HA-HA
YEAH! THAT'S A NEW SHIP ON ITS MAIDEN RUN-- THE CAPTAIN AIN'T FAMILIAR WITH THIS RIVER AT ALL AND THE PILOT DON'T COME ABOARD TILL THEY NEAR THE HARBOR DOWNSTREAM!
HAW! LOOK AT HER-- GROUNDED-- JUST LIKE THE BIG MO WAS
HA-HA! OUR LITTLE PLAN WORKED! HURRY-- THERE'S A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS ABOARD AND IN THE CONFUSION WE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH THE CREW.


NEXT DAY...
GOTHAM GAZETTE
STUNG BY HIS BONER, JOKER LASHES BACK! LOOTS STALLED LINER
LARGE DIAMOND COLLECTION STOLEN!
FIRST "BONER" CRIME!
MEANWHILE
THE FAMED LEANING TOWER OF PISA, ONE OF THE GREAT ARCHITECTURAL BONERS IN HISTORY. FAULTY FOUNDATION WORK AND MISCALCULATIONS ALMOST CAUSED IT TO TOPPLE OVER!
BUT HOW YOU GONNA USE THIS TO PULL A JOB, BOSS?
IN AWHILE, THE JOKER TAKES HIS MEN ON A JOYRIDE THROUGH THE COUNTRY AND THEN...
WHY, THIS IS THAT OIL MAGNATE'S JOINT! KING STALEY'S CASTLE! HE HAD IT TRANSPLANTED STONE BY STONE FROM EUROPE!
CORRECT! HA-HA! AND NOW HE'S BUILDING A BELL TOWER WHICH WE'RE GOING TO TURN INTO A TOWER OF PISA! HA-HA!
ABOUT A WEEK LATER, AFTER A HEAVY RAIN
HO HO! KING STALEY BRAGGED THAT NO ONE COULD SCALE HIS WALL AND ROB HIS CASTLE, BUT HE DIDN'T BARGAIN ON THE JOKER AND HIS BONER CRIMES!
THAT NIGHT, UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS
HA HA! NOW TO DO A LITTLE UNDERMINING WITHOUT ANYONE BEING THE WISER, MY MEN, AND SEE HOW THIS TOWER WILL LEAN AFTER THE FIRST RAINSTORM!
YEAH! AND REMEMBER TO COVER UP OUR WORK SO NO ONE SPOTS THE DIG. GANG, WE'LL HAUL ALL THE DIRT AWAY!
YOU SURE MADE THE TOWER LEAN JUST RIGHT, JOKER! AND THIS ROPE WILL HELP US GET OUT THE WAY WE CAME!
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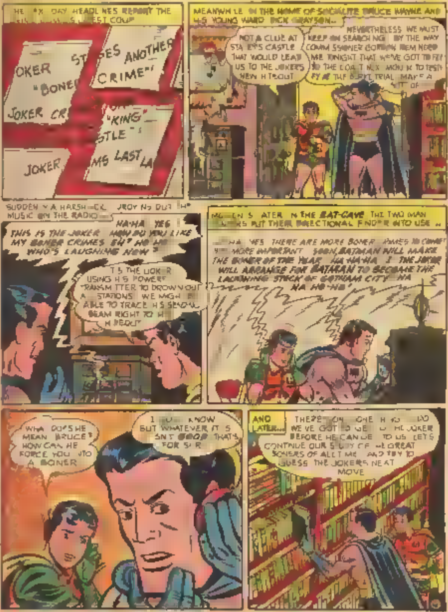
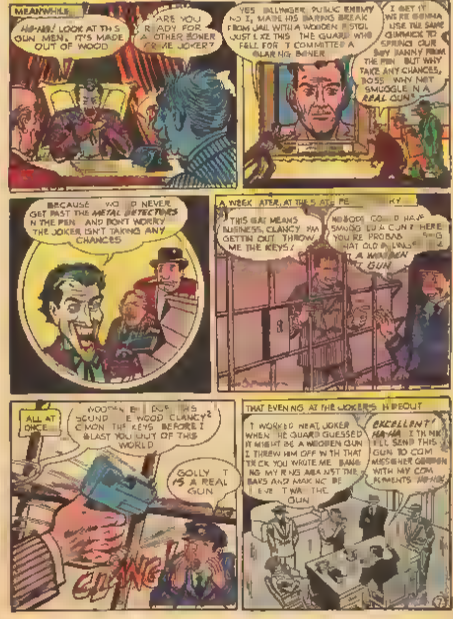
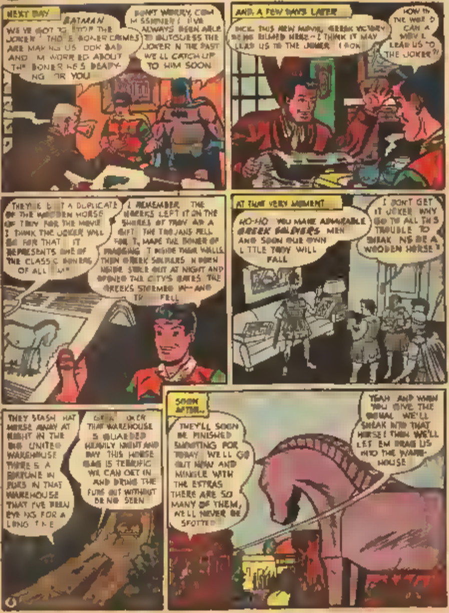
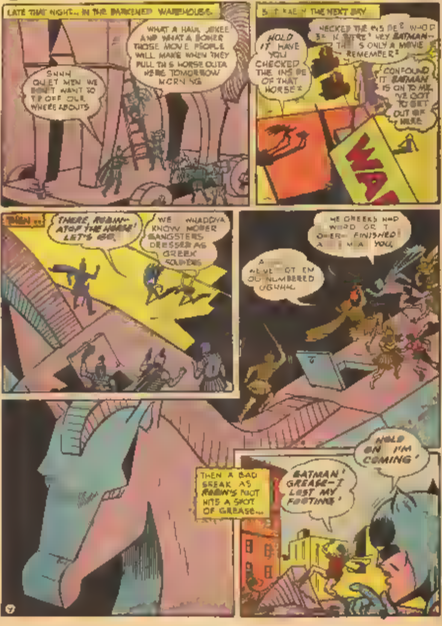
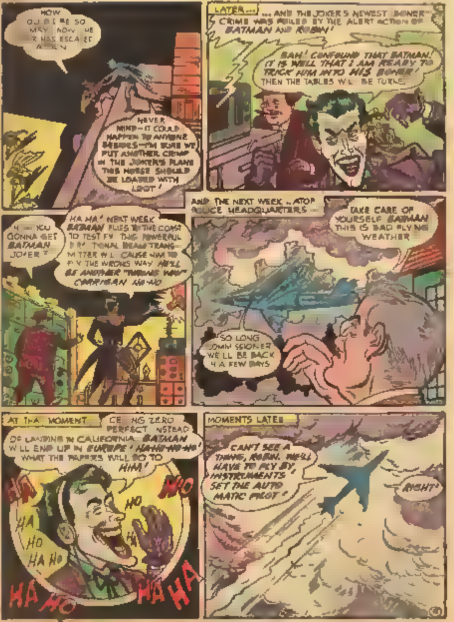
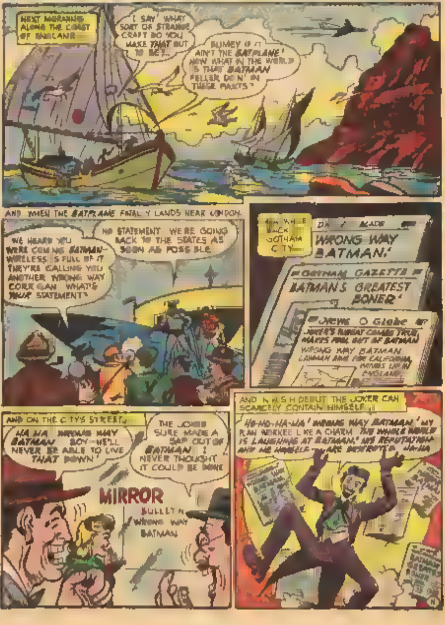

THE NEXT DAY HEADLINES REPORT THE JOKER'S LATEST COUP
JOKER STAGES ANOTHER "BONER" CRIME!
JOKER CR
"KING" CASTLE
JOKER
MS LAST LA
MEANWHILE, IN THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON...
NOT A CLUE AT STANLEY'S CASTLE THAT WOULD LEAD US TO THE JOKER'S NEW HIDEOUT!
NEVERTHELESS, WE MUST KEEP ON SEARCHING! BY THE WAY, COMMISSIONER GORDON REMINDED ME TONIGHT THAT WE'VE GOT TO FLY TO THE COAST NEXT MONTH TO TESTIFY AT THE BURKE TRIAL! MAKE A NOTE OF
SUDDENLY A HARSH CACKLE DROWNS OUT THE MUSIC ON THE RADIO...
HA-HA! YES! THIS IS THE JOKER! HOW DO YOU LIKE MY BONER CRIMES, EH? HO HO! WHO'S LAUGHING NOW?
IT'S THE JOKER! USING HIS POWERFUL TRANSMITTER TO DROWN OUT ALL STATIONS! WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRACE HIS SENDING BEAM RIGHT TO HIS HIDEOUT!
MOMENTS LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE, THE TWO MANHUNTERS PUT THEIR DIRECTIONAL FINDER INTO USE...
HA-HA! YES, THERE ARE MORE BONER CRIMES TO COME! BUT MORE IMPORTANT, SOON BATMAN WILL MAKE THE BONER OF THE YEAR! HA-HA-HA! I, THE JOKER, WILL ARRANGE FOR BATMAN TO BECOME THE LAUGHING STOCK OF GOTHAM CITY! HA HA HO-HO!
WHAT DOES HE MEAN, BRUCE? HOW CAN HE FORCE YOU INTO A BONER?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT ISN'T GOOD! THAT'S FOR SURE!
AND LATER...
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE JOKER BEFORE HE CAN GET TO US! LET'S CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF THE GREAT BONERS OF ALL TIME AND TRY TO GUESS THE JOKER'S NEXT MOVE!

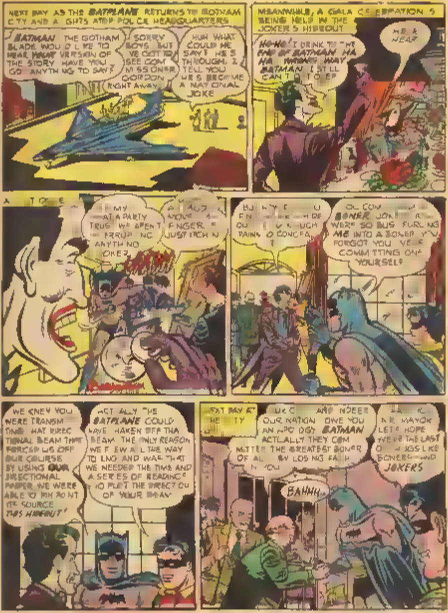

MEANWHILE
HA-HA! LOOK AT THIS GUN, MEN. IT'S MADE OUT OF WOOD
ARE YOU READY FOR ANOTHER BONER CRIME, JOKER?
YES, DILLINGER, PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1, MADE HIS DARING BREAK FROM JAIL WITH A WOODEN PISTOL JUST LIKE THIS. THE GUARD WHO FELL FOR IT COMMITTED A GLARING BONER
I GET IT! WE'RE GONNA USE THE SAME GIMMICK TO SPRING OUR BOY DANNY FROM THE PEN. BUT WHY TAKE ANY CHANCES, BOSS? WHY NOT SMUGGLE IN A REAL GUN?
BECAUSE IT WOULD NEVER GET PAST THE METAL DETECTORS IN THE PEN. AND DON'T WORRY, THE JOKER ISN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES
A WEEK LATER, AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY
THIS GAT MEANS BUSINESS, CLANCY. I'M GETTIN' OUT. THROW ME THE KEYS!
NOBODY COULD HAVE SMUGGLED A GUN IN HERE. YOU'RE PROBABLY PULLING THAT OLD DILLINGER TRICK -- IT'S A WOODEN GUN
ALL AT ONCE
WOODEN, EH? DOES THIS SOUND LIKE WOOD, CLANCY? C'MON, THE KEYS, BEFORE I BLAST YOU OUT OF THIS WORLD
GOLLY! IT IS A REAL GUN
CLANG
THAT EVENING AT THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT
IT WORKED NEAT, JOKER. WHEN THE GUARD GUESSED IT MIGHT BE A WOODEN GUN, I THREW HIM OFF WITH THAT TRICK YOU WROTE ME. BANGING MY RING AGAINST THE BARS AND MAKING HIM BELIEVE IT WAS THE GUN
EXCELLENT! HA-HA! I THINK I'LL SEND THIS GUN TO COMMISSIONER GORDON WITH MY COMPLIMENTS. HA-HA!

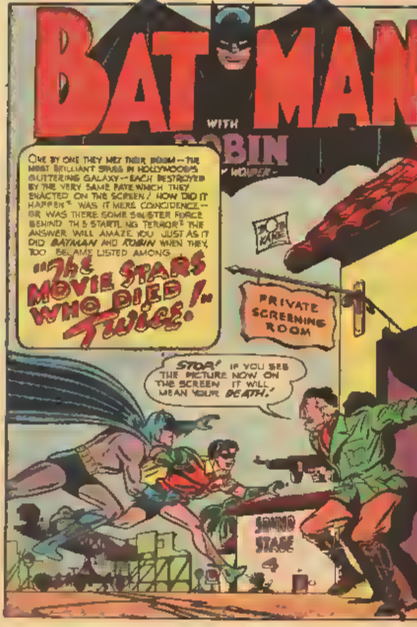

NEXT DAY
BATMAN, WE'VE GOT TO STOP THE JOKER! THOSE BONER CRIMES ARE MAKING US LOOK BAD AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE BONER HE'S READYING FOR YOU!
DON'T WORRY, COMMISSIONER! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO OUTGUESS THE JOKER IN THE PAST! WE'LL CATCH UP TO HIM SOON!
AND, A FEW DAYS LATER
DICK, THIS NEW MOVIE, GREEK VICTORY, BEING FILMED HERE -- I THINK IT MAY LEAD US TO THE JOKER! LOOK!
HOW IN THE WORLD CAN A MOVIE LEAD US TO THE JOKER?
THEY'VE BUILT A DUPLICATE OF THE WOODEN HORSE OF TROY FOR THE MOVIE! I THINK THE JOKER WILL GO FOR THAT! IT REPRESENTS ONE OF THE CLASSIC BONERS OF ALL TIME!
I REMEMBER! THE GREEKS LEFT IT ON THE SHORES OF TROY AS A GIFT! THE TROJANS FELL FOR IT, MADE THE BONER OF DRAGGING IT INSIDE THEIR WALLS. THEN GREEK SOLDIERS HIDDEN INSIDE STOLE OUT AT NIGHT AND OPENED THE CITY'S GATES! THE GREEKS STORMED IN -- AND TROY FELL!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT
HO-HO! YOU MAKE ADMIRABLE GREEK SOLDIERS, MEN! AND SOON OUR OWN LITTLE TROY WILL FALL!
I DON'T GET IT, JOKER! WHY GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE TO SNEAK INSIDE A WOODEN HORSE?
THEY STASH THAT HORSE AWAY AT NIGHT IN THE BIG UNITED WAREHOUSE! THERE'S A FORTUNE IN FURS IN THAT WAREHOUSE THAT I'VE BEEN EYEING FOR A LONG TIME!
[illegible] THAT WAREHOUSE IS GUARDED HEAVILY NIGHT AND DAY! THIS HORSE GAG IS TERRIFIC! WE CAN GET IN AND BRING THE FURS OUT WITHOUT BEING SEEN!
SOON AFTER...
THEY'LL SOON BE FINISHED SHOOTING FOR TODAY! WE'LL GO OUT NOW AND MINGLE WITH THE EXTRAS! THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM, WE'LL NEVER BE SPOTTED!
YEAH! AND WHEN YOU GIVE THE SIGNAL, WE'LL SNEAK INTO THAT HORSE! THEN WE'LL LET 'EM DRAG US INTO THE WAREHOUSE!

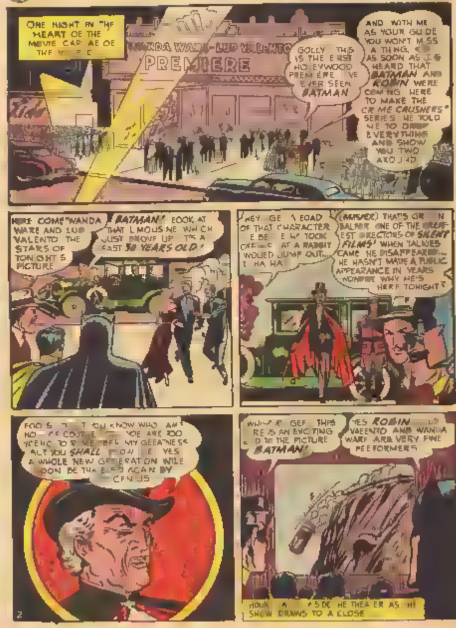

LATE THAT NIGHT... IN THE DARKENED WAREHOUSE
WHAT A HAUL, JOKER AND WHAT A BONER THOSE MOVIE PEOPLE WILL MAKE WHEN THEY PULL THIS HORSE OUTA HERE TOMORROW MORNING
SHHH QUIET MEN WE DON'T WANT TO TIP OFF OUR WHEREABOUTS
BUT EARLY THE NEXT DAY
HOLD IT! HAVE YOU CHECKED THE INSIDE OF THAT HORSE?
CHECKED THE INSIDE? WHO'D BE IN THERE? HEY BATMAN— THIS IS ONLY A MOVIE REMEMBER?
CONFOUND IT! BATMAN IS ON TO ME. I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE
WA
THEN...
THERE, ROBIN— ATOP THE HORSE! LET'S GO.
WELL, WHADDYA KNOW! MODERN GANGSTERS DRESSED AS GREEK SOLDIERS
THE GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR IT— OVER— FINISHED! A [illegible] YOU.
A... WE'VE GOT 'EM OUTNUMBERED UGHHK
THEN A BAD BREAK AS ROBIN'S FOOT HITS A SPOT OF GREASE...
BATMAN! GREASE—I LOST MY FOOTING!
HOLD ON! I'M COMING!

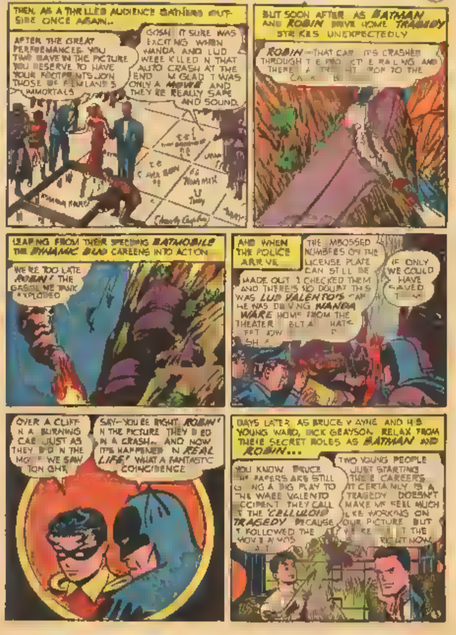

HOW COULD WE BE SO CLUMSY NOW THE JOKER HAS ESCAPED AGAIN
NEVER MIND—IT COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE! BESIDES—I'M SURE WE PUT ANOTHER CRIMP IN THE JOKER'S PLANS THIS HEARSE SHOULD BE LOADED WITH LOOT!
LATER... ...AND THE JOKER'S NEWEST BONER-CRIME WAS FOILED BY THE ALERT ACTION OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BAH! CONFOUND THAT BATMAN! IT IS WELL THAT I AM READY TO TRICK HIM INTO HIS BONER! THEN THE TABLES WILL BE TURNED
HOW YOU GONNA GET BATMAN, JOKER?
HA HA! NEXT WEEK BATMAN FLIES TO THE COAST TO TEST FLY THIS POWERFUL DIRECTIONAL BEAM TRANSMITTER WILL CAUSE HIM TO FLY THE WRONG WAY! HE'LL BE ANOTHER "WRONG WAY" CORRIGAN! HO HO
AND THE NEXT WEEK... ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS—
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, BATMAN THIS IS BAD FLYING WEATHER
SO LONG COMMISSIONER WE'LL BE BACK IN A FEW DAYS
AT THAT MOMENT
CEILING ZERO PERFECT! INSTEAD OF LANDING IN CALIFORNIA, BATMAN WILL END UP IN EUROPE! HA-HA-HO-HO! WHAT THE PAPERS WILL DO TO HIM!
HA HO HO HA HA HO HA HO HA HA HA
MOMENTS LATER
CAN'T SEE A THING, ROBIN. WE'LL HAVE TO FLY BY INSTRUMENTS! SET THE AUTOMATIC PILOT!
RIGHT!

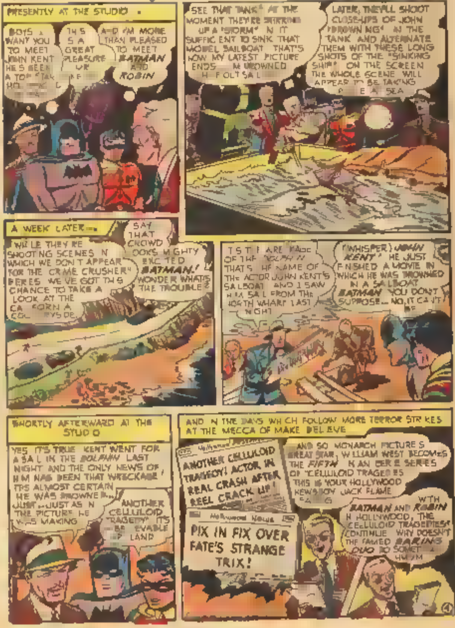

NEXT MORNING ALONG THE COAST OF ENGLAND...
I SAY! WHAT SORT OF STRANGE CRAFT DO YOU MAKE THAT OUT TO BE?
BLIMEY IF IT AIN'T THE BATPLANE! NOW WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT BATMAN FELLER DOIN' IN THESE PARTS?
AND WHEN THE BATPLANE FINALLY LANDS NEAR LONDON...
WE HEARD YOU WERE COMING, BATMAN-- WIRELESS IS FULL OF IT! THEY'RE CALLING YOU ANOTHER WRONG WAY CORRIGAN! WHAT'S YOUR STATEMENT?
NO STATEMENT! WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE STATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
MEANWHILE BACK IN GOTHAM CITY...
DAILY BLADE
WRONG WAY BATMAN!
GOTHAM GAZETTE
BATMAN'S GREATEST BONER!
NEWS O GLOBE
JOKER'S THREAT COMES TRUE, MAKES FOOL OUT OF BATMAN
WRONG WAY BATMAN
BATMAN AIMS FOR CALIFORNIA, WINDS UP IN ENGLAND
AND ON THE CITY'S STREETS...
HA HA! WRONG WAY BATMAN! BOY--HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LIVE THAT DOWN!
THE JOKER SURE MADE A SAP OUT OF BATMAN! I NEVER THOUGHT IT COULD BE DONE!
MIRROR
BULLETIN WRONG WAY BATMAN
AND IN HIS HIDEOUT THE JOKER CAN SCARCELY CONTAIN HIMSELF...
HO-HO-HA-HA! WRONG WAY BATMAN! MY PLAN WORKED LIKE A CHARM! THE WHOLE WORLD IS LAUGHING AT BATMAN! HIS REPUTATION AND HE HIMSELF--ARE DESTROYED! HA-HA
WRONG WAY BATMAN
BATMAN'S GREATEST BONER

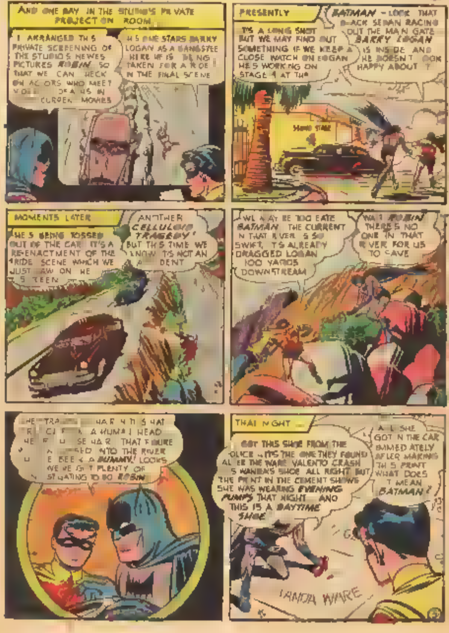

NEXT DAY AS THE BATPLANE RETURNS TO GOTHAM CITY AND ALIGHTS ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS
BATMAN, THE GOTHAM BLADE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VERSION OF THE STORY. HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING TO SAY?
SORRY, BOYS, BUT WE GOT TO SEE COMMISSIONER GORDON RIGHT AWAY!
HUH! WHAT COULD HE SAY? HE'S THROUGH, I TELL YOU! HE'S BECOME A NATIONAL JOKE!
MEANWHILE, A GALA CELEBRATION IS BEING HELD IN THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT
HO-HO! I DRINK TO THE END OF BATMAN! HA HA! WRONG WAY BATMAN! I STILL CAN'T GET OVER
HEAR! HEAR!
AT THE
MY ... AT A PARTY ... TRUS... WE AREN'T ... INTERRUPTING ANYTHING, JOKER?
... MOVE A FINGER ... JUST ITCHIN'
BUT HOW ... FIND ... OUR ... PAINS TO CONCEAL ...
... BONER, JOKER! ... WERE SO BUSY FORCING ME INTO A BONER YOU FORGOT YOU WERE COMMITTING ONE YOURSELF!
WE KNEW YOU WERE TRANSMITTING THAT DIRECTIONAL BEAM THAT FORCED US OFF OUR COURSE! BY USING OUR DIRECTIONAL FINDER WE WERE ABLE TO PINPOINT ITS SOURCE -- THIS HIDEOUT!
ACTUALLY, THE BATPLANE COULD HAVE SHAKEN OFF THAT BEAM! THE ONLY REASON WE FLEW ALL THE WAY TO LNG AND WAS THAT WE NEEDED THE TIME AND A SERIES OF READINGS TO PLOT THE DIRECTION OF YOUR BEAM!
NEXT DAY AT THE CITY
... AND INDEED OUR NATION OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, BATMAN! ACTUALLY THEY COMMITTED THE GREATEST BONER OF ALL BY LOSING FAITH IN YOU!
... MR. MAYOR! LET'S HOPE WE'VE THE LAST OF THINGS LIKE BONERS AND JOKERS!
BAHHH...

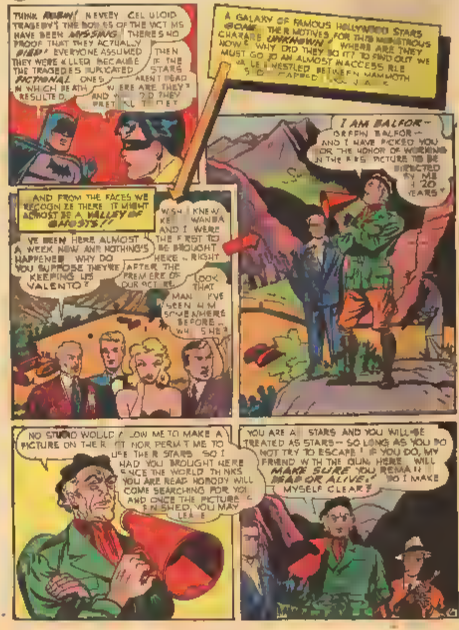

BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
Y WONDER -
ONE BY ONE THEY MET THEIR DOOM -- THE MOST BRILLIANT STARS IN HOLLYWOOD'S GLITTERING GALAXY -- EACH DESTROYED BY THE VERY SAME FATE WHICH THEY ENACTED ON THE SCREEN! HOW DID IT HAPPEN? WAS IT MERE COINCIDENCE -- OR WAS THERE SOME SINISTER FORCE BEHIND THIS STARTLING TERROR? THE ANSWER WILL AMAZE YOU JUST AS IT DID BATMAN AND ROBIN WHEN THEY, TOO, BECAME LISTED AMONG
"THE MOVIE STARS WHO DIED TWICE!"
BOB KANE
PRIVATE SCREENING ROOM
STOP! IF YOU SEE THE PICTURE NOW ON THE SCREEN IT WILL MEAN YOUR DEATH!
SOUND STAGE 4

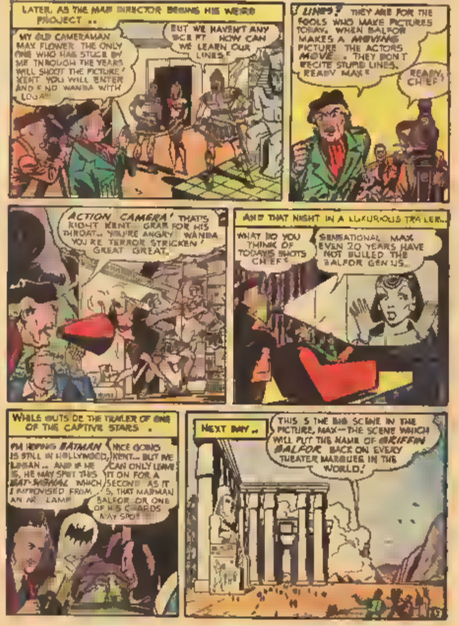

ONE NIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE MOVIE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD
WANDA WARE—LUD VALENTO PREMIERE
GOLLY! THIS IS THE FIRST HOLLYWOOD PREMIERE I'VE EVER SEEN, BATMAN!
AND WITH ME AS YOUR GUIDE YOU WON'T MISS A THING. AS SOON AS J.G. HEARD THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE COMING HERE TO MAKE THE "CRIME CRUSHERS" SERIES, HE TOLD ME TO DROP EVERYTHING AND SHOW YOU TWO AROUND!
HERE COME WANDA WARE AND LUD VALENTO, THE STARS OF TONIGHT'S PICTURE!
BATMAN! LOOK AT THAT LIMOUSINE WHICH JUST DROVE UP! IT'S AT LEAST 30 YEARS OLD!
HEY! GET A LOAD OF THAT CHARACTER! I'LL BET IF HE TOOK OFF HIS HAT A RABBIT WOULD JUMP OUT... HA, HA!
(WHISPER) THAT'S GR[illegible]N BALFOR, ONE OF THE GREATEST DIRECTORS OF SILENT FILMS! WHEN TALKIES CAME HE DISAPPEARED... HE HASN'T MADE A PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN YEARS. WONDER WHY HE'S HERE TONIGHT?
FOOLS! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM? NO—OF COURSE NOT! YOU ARE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER MY GREATNESS! BUT YOU SHALL KNOW ME! YES, A WHOLE NEW GENERATION WILL SOON BE THRILLED AGAIN BY MY GENIUS!
WHEW! GEE! THIS IS AN EXCITING END TO THE PICTURE, BATMAN!
YES, ROBIN... LUD VALENTO AND WANDA WARE ARE VERY FINE PERFORMERS.
HOURS LATER, INSIDE THE THEATER AS THE SHOW DRAWS TO A CLOSE

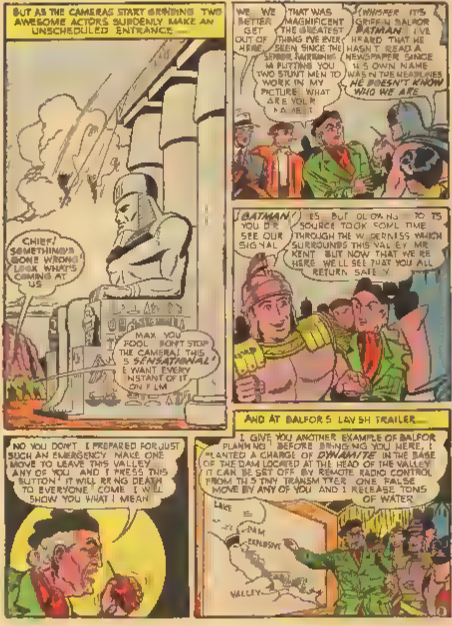

THEN, AS A THRILLED AUDIENCE GATHERS OUTSIDE ONCE AGAIN...
AFTER THE GREAT PERFORMANCE YOU TWO GAVE IN THE PICTURE YOU DESERVE TO HAVE YOUR FOOTPRINTS JOIN THOSE OF FILMLAND'S IMMORTALS
GOSH! IT SURE WAS EXCITING WHEN WANDA AND LUD WERE KILLED IN THAT AUTO CRASH AT THE END. I'M GLAD IT WAS ONLY A MOVIE AND THEY'RE REALLY SAFE AND SOUND.
TOM MIX
Charlie Chaplin
BUT SOON AFTER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN DRIVE HOME, TRAGEDY STRIKES UNEXPECTEDLY
ROBIN—THAT CAR! IT'S CRASHED THROUGH THE PROTECTIVE RAILING AND THERE'S A STRAIGHT DROP TO THE [illegible]
LEAPING FROM THEIR SPEEDING BATMOBILE THE DYNAMIC DUO CAREENS INTO ACTION
WE'RE TOO LATE ROBIN! THE GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED
AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE
THE EMBOSSED NUMBERS ON THE LICENSE PLATE CAN STILL BE MADE OUT. I CHECKED THEM AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THIS WAS LUD VALENTO'S CAR. HE WAS DRIVING WANDA WARE HOME FROM THE THEATER [illegible]
IF ONLY WE COULD HAVE SAVED THEM
OVER A CLIFF IN A BURNING CAR JUST AS THEY DID IN THE MOVIE WE SAW TONIGHT
SAY—YOU'RE RIGHT, ROBIN! IN THE PICTURE THEY DIED IN A CRASH.. AND NOW IT'S HAPPENED IN REAL LIFE! WHAT A FANTASTIC COINCIDENCE
DAYS LATER, AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, RELAX FROM THEIR SECRET ROLES AS BATMAN AND ROBIN...
YOU KNOW, BRUCE, THE PAPERS ARE STILL GIVING A BIG PLAY TO THE WARE-VALENTO ACCIDENT. THEY CALL IT THE 'CELLULOID TRAGEDY' BECAUSE IT FOLLOWED THE MOVIE [illegible]
TWO YOUNG PEOPLE JUST STARTING THEIR CAREERS! IT CERTAINLY IS A TRAGEDY. DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL MUCH LIKE WORKING ON OUR PICTURE, BUT WE'RE [illegible] THE [illegible] RIGHT NOW

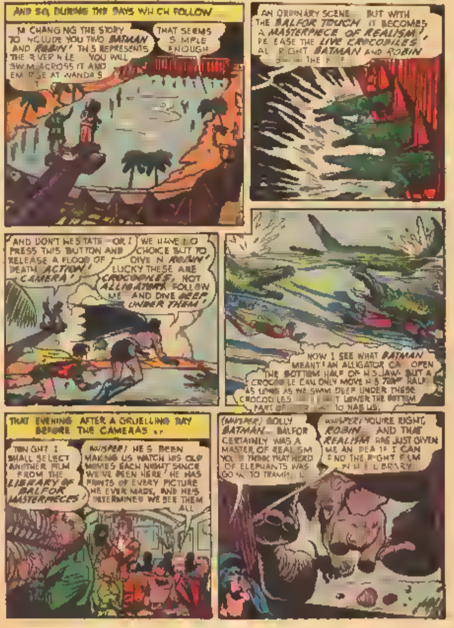

PRESENTLY AT THE STUDIO...
BOYS, I WANT YOU TO MEET JOHN KENT. HE'S BEEN A TOP STAR ... HOLLYWOOD ...
THIS IS A GREAT PLEASURE ...
AND I'M MORE THAN PLEASED TO MEET BATMAN AND ROBIN
SEE THAT TANK? AT THE MOMENT THEY'RE STIRRING UP A "STORM" IN IT SUFFICIENT TO SINK THAT MODEL SAILBOAT. THAT'S HOW MY LATEST PICTURE ENDS... I'M DROWNED ...
LATER, THEY'LL SHOOT CLOSE-UPS OF JOHN "DROWNING" IN THE TANK AND ALTERNATE THEM WITH THESE LONG SHOTS OF THE "SINKING SHIP". ON THE SCREEN THE WHOLE SCENE WILL APPEAR TO BE TAKING PLACE AT SEA
A WEEK LATER...
WHILE THEY'RE SHOOTING SCENES IN WHICH WE DON'T APPEAR FOR THE "CRIME CRUSHER" SERIES, WE'VE GOT THIS CHANCE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE CALIFORNIA COUNTRYSIDE.
SAY, THAT CROWD LOOKS MIGHTY EXCITED, BATMAN! WONDER WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?
IT'S ... OF THE DOLPHIN! THAT'S THE NAME OF THE ACTOR JOHN KENT'S SAILBOAT, AND I SAW HIM SAIL FROM THE 106TH WHARF LAST NIGHT
(WHISPER) JOHN KENT! HE JUST FINISHED A MOVIE IN WHICH HE WAS DROWNED IN A SAILBOAT. BATMAN, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE... NO, IT CAN'T BE
SHORTLY AFTERWARD AT THE STUDIO
YES, IT'S TRUE. KENT WENT FOR A SAIL IN THE DOLPHIN LAST NIGHT AND THE ONLY NEWS OF HIM HAS BEEN THAT WRECKAGE! IT'S ALMOST CERTAIN HE WAS DROWNED... JUST... JUST AS IN THE PICTURE HE WAS MAKING
ANOTHER "CELLULOID TRAGEDY"! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE ... LAND
AND IN THE DAYS WHICH FOLLOW MORE TERROR STRIKES AT THE MECCA OF MAKE BELIEVE
Hollywood ...
ANOTHER CELLULOID TRAGEDY! ACTOR IN REAL CRASH AFTER REEL CRACK UP!
Hollywood News
PIX IN FIX OVER FATE'S STRANGE TRIX!
AND SO MONARCH PICTURES' GREAT STAR, WILLIAM WEST, BECOMES THE FIFTH IN AN EERIE SERIES OF "CELLULOID TRAGEDIES". THIS IS YOUR HOLLYWOOD NEWSBOY JACK FLAME SAYING...
WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN IN HOLLYWOOD, THE "CELLULOID TRAGEDIES" CONTINUE. WHY DOESN'T THE FAMED DARING DUO DO SOMETHING ... HMM!

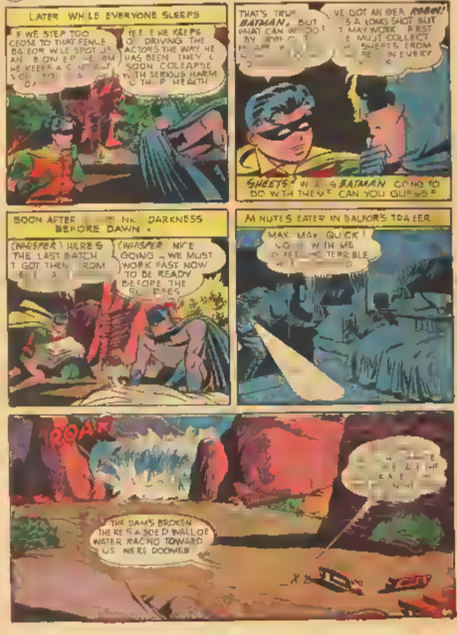

AND ONE DAY IN THE STUDIO'S PRIVATE PROJECTION ROOM
I ARRANGED THIS PRIVATE SCREENING OF THE STUDIO'S NEWEST PICTURES *ROBIN* SO THAT WE CAN CHECK ON ACTORS WHO MEET VIOLENT DEATHS IN [illegible] CURRENT MOVIES
THIS ONE STARS BARRY LOGAN AS A GANGSTER HERE HE IS BEING TAKEN FOR A RIDE IN THE FINAL SCENE
PRESENTLY
IT'S A LONG SHOT BUT WE MAY FIND OUT SOMETHING IF WE KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON LOGAN HE'S WORKING ON STAGE 4 AT THE
BATMAN — LOOK THAT BLACK SEDAN RACING OUT THE MAIN GATE *BARRY LOGAN* IS INSIDE AND HE DOESN'T LOOK HAPPY ABOUT IT
SOUND STAGE 4
MOMENTS LATER
HE'S BEING TOSSED OUT OF THE CAR IT'S A RE-ENACTMENT OF THE RIDE SCENE WHICH WE JUST SAW ON THE SCREEN
ANOTHER *CELLULOID TRAGEDY'* BUT THIS TIME WE KNOW IT'S NOT AN ACCIDENT
WE MAY BE TOO LATE *BATMAN* THE CURRENT IN THAT RIVER IS SO SWIFT, IT'S ALREADY DRAGGED LOGAN 100 YARDS DOWNSTREAM
WAIT *ROBIN* THERE'S NO ONE IN THAT RIVER FOR US TO SAVE
THE [illegible] HAIR IN THIS HAT [illegible] A HUMAN HEAD [illegible] HAIR THAT FIGURE [illegible] INTO THE RIVER [illegible] BEEN A *DUMMY!* LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF INVESTIGATING TO DO *ROBIN*
THAT NIGHT ...
GOT THIS SHOE FROM THE POLICE — IT'S THE ONE THEY FOUND AFTER THE WARE VALENTO CRASH IT'S WANDA'S SHOE ALL RIGHT BUT THE PRINT IN THE CEMENT SHOWS SHE WAS WEARING *EVENING PUMPS* THAT NIGHT AND THIS IS A *DAYTIME SHOE*
ALL SHE GOT IN THE CAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER MAKING THIS PRINT WHAT DOES IT MEAN *BATMAN?*
WANDA WARE

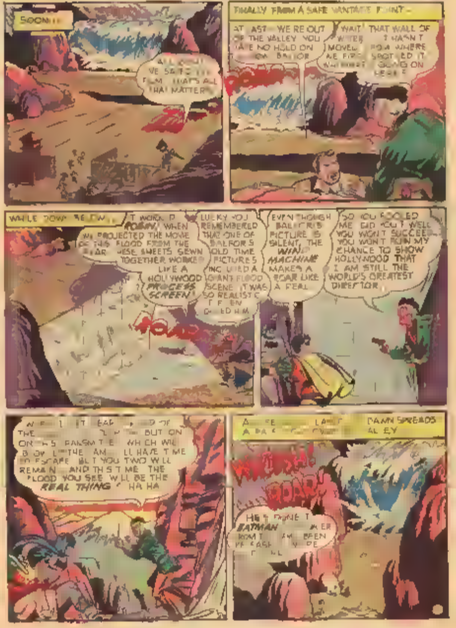

THINK, ROBIN! IN EVERY CELLULOID TRAGEDY, THE BODIES OF THE VICTIMS HAVE BEEN MISSING! THERE'S NO PROOF THAT THEY ACTUALLY DIED! EVERYONE ASSUMED THEY WERE KILLED BECAUSE THE TRAGEDIES DUPLICATED FICTIONAL ONES IN WHICH DEATH RESULTED.
THEN IF THE STARS AREN'T DEAD, WHERE ARE THEY? AND WHY DID THEY PRETEND TO DIE?
A GALAXY OF FAMOUS HOLLYWOOD STARS GONE! THEIR MOTIVES FOR THIS MONSTROUS CHARADE UNKNOWN! WHERE ARE THEY NOW? WHY DID THEY DO IT? TO FIND OUT WE MUST GO TO AN ALMOST INACCESSIBLE VALLEY NESTLED BETWEEN MAMMOTH SNOW-CAPPED [illegible]
I AM BALFOR — GRIFFIN BALFOR — AND I HAVE PICKED YOU FOR THE HONOR OF WORKING IN THE FIRST PICTURE TO BE DIRECTED BY ME IN 20 YEARS!
AND FROM THE FACES WE RECOGNIZE THERE, IT MIGHT ALMOST BE A VALLEY OF GHOSTS!!
I'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST A WEEK NOW ANR NOTHING'S HAPPENED. WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'RE KEEPING US, VALENTO?
I WISH I KNEW. [illegible] WANDA AND I WERE THE FIRST TO BE BROUGHT HERE — RIGHT AFTER THE PREMIERE OF OUR PICTURE.
LOOK AT THAT MAN. I'VE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE — WHO IS HE?
NO STUDIO WOULD ALLOW ME TO MAKE A PICTURE ON THEIR LOT NOR PERMIT ME TO USE THEIR STARS. SO I HAD YOU BROUGHT HERE. SINCE THE WORLD THINKS YOU ARE DEAD, NOBODY WILL COME SEARCHING FOR YOU AND ONCE THE PICTURE IS FINISHED, YOU MAY LEAVE.
YOU ARE ALL STARS AND YOU WILL BE TREATED AS STARS — SO LONG AS YOU DO NOT TRY TO ESCAPE! IF YOU DO, MY FRIEND WITH THE GUN HERE WILL MAKE SURE YOU REMAIN DEAD OR ALIVE! DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?

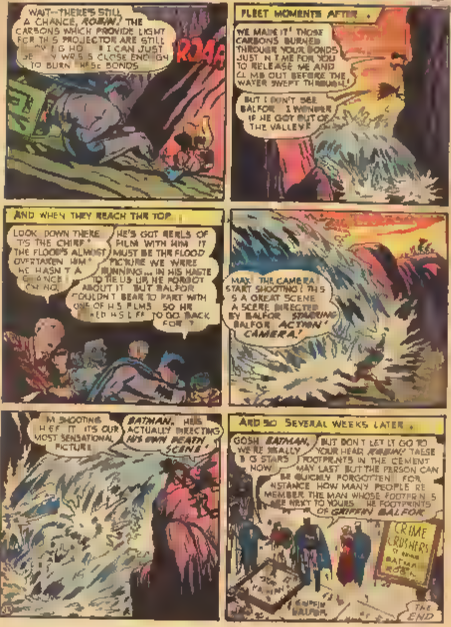

LATER, AS THE MAD DIRECTOR BEGINS HIS WEIRD PROJECT ..
MY OLD CAMERAMAN MAX FLOWER, THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS STUCK BY ME THROUGH THE YEARS, WILL SHOOT THE PICTURE! KENT, YOU WILL ENTER AND FIND WANDA WITH LOGAN!
BUT WE HAVEN'T ANY SCRIPT! HOW CAN WE LEARN OUR LINES?
LINES? THEY ARE FOR THE FOOLS WHO MAKE PICTURES TODAY. WHEN BALFOR MAKES A MOVING PICTURE, THE ACTORS MOVE. THEY DON'T RECITE STUPID LINES. READY, MAX?
READY, CHIEF?
ACTION, CAMERA! THAT'S RIGHT, KENT. GRAB FOR HIS THROAT.. YOU'RE ANGRY! WANDA, YOU'RE TERROR STRICKEN! GREAT, GREAT.
AND THAT NIGHT IN A LUXURIOUS TRAILER..
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF TODAY'S SHOTS, CHIEF?
SENSATIONAL, MAX. EVEN 20 YEARS HAVE NOT DULLED THE BALFOR GENIUS.
WHILE OUTSIDE THE TRAILER OF ONE OF THE CAPTIVE STARS .
I'M HOPING BATMAN IS STILL IN HOLLYWOOD, LOGAN.. AND IF HE IS, HE MAY SPOT THIS BAT-SIGNAL WHICH I IMPROVISED FROM AN ARC LAMP!
NICE GOING, KENT... BUT WE CAN ONLY LEAVE IT ON FOR A SECOND, AS IT IS, THAT MADMAN BALFOR OR ONE OF HIS GUARDS MAY SPOT
NEXT DAY ..
THIS IS THE BIG SCENE IN THE PICTURE, MAX--THE SCENE WHICH WILL PUT THE NAME OF GRIFFIN BALFOR BACK ON EVERY THEATER MARQUEE IN THE WORLD!

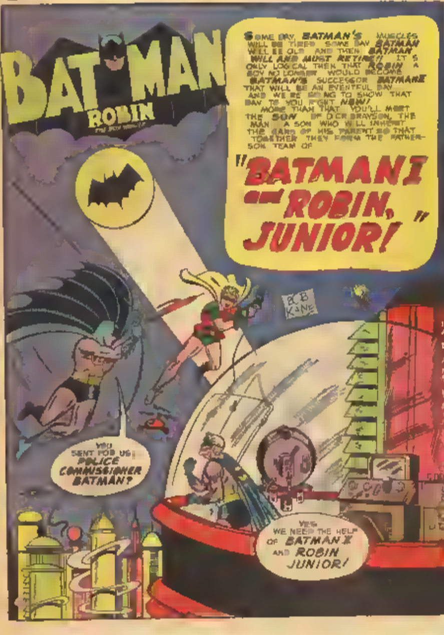

BUT AS THE CAMERAS START GRINDING TWO AWESOME ACTORS SUDDENLY MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED ENTRANCE—
CHIEF! SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! LOOK WHAT'S COMING AT US
MAX, YOU FOOL, DON'T STOP THE CAMERA! THIS IS SENSATIONAL! I WANT EVERY INSTANT OF IT ON FILM
WE... WE BETTER GET OUT OF HERE.
THAT WAS MAGNIFICENT! THE GREATEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN SINCE THE SENOR SMIRKING. I'M PUTTING YOU TWO STUNT MEN TO WORK IN MY PICTURE. WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES?
(WHISPER) IT'S GRIFFIN BALFOR, BATMAN! I'VE HEARD THAT HE HASN'T READ A NEWSPAPER SINCE HIS OWN NAME WAS IN THE HEADLINES. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO WE ARE
BATMAN! YOU DID SEE OUR SIGNAL
YES, BUT FOLLOWING IT TO ITS SOURCE TOOK SOME TIME THROUGH THE WILDERNESS WHICH SURROUNDS THIS VALLEY, MR. KENT. BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, WE'LL SEE THAT YOU ALL RETURN SAFELY
NO YOU DON'T. I PREPARED FOR JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY. MAKE ONE MOVE TO LEAVE THIS VALLEY, ANY OF YOU, AND I PRESS THIS BUTTON! IT WILL BRING DEATH TO EVERYONE. COME, I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN
AND AT BALFOR'S LAVISH TRAILER—
I GIVE YOU ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF BALFOR PLANNING! BEFORE BRINGING YOU HERE, I PLANTED A CHARGE OF DYNAMITE IN THE BASE OF THE DAM LOCATED AT THE HEAD OF THE VALLEY. IT CAN BE SET OFF BY REMOTE RADIO CONTROL FROM THIS TINY TRANSMITTER. ONE FALSE MOVE BY ANY OF YOU, AND I RELEASE TONS OF WATER
LAKE
DAM
EXPLOSIVE
VALLEY

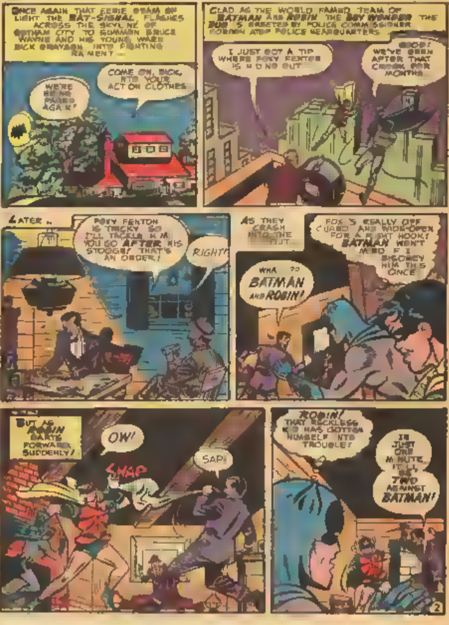

AND SO, DURING THE DAYS WHICH FOLLOW
I'M CHANGING THE STORY TO INCLUDE YOU TWO BATMAN AND ROBIN! THIS REPRESENTS THE RIVER NILE... YOU WILL SWIM ACROSS IT AND EMERGE AT WANDA'S T
THAT SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH
AN ORDINARY SCENE... BUT WITH THE BALFOR TOUCH IT BECOMES A MASTERPIECE OF REALISM! RELEASE THE LIVE CROCODILES! ALL RIGHT BATMAN AND ROBIN -- SWIM THE NILE!
AND DON'T HESITATE -- OR I PRESS THIS BUTTON AND RELEASE A FLOOD OF DEATH! ACTION! CAMERA!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DIVE IN ROBIN! LUCKY THESE ARE CROCODILES, NOT ALLIGATORS! FOLLOW ME AND DIVE DEEP UNDER THEM!
NOW I SEE WHAT BATMAN MEANT! AN ALLIGATOR CAN OPEN THE BOTTOM HALF OF HIS JAW -- BUT A CROCODILE CAN ONLY MOVE HIS TOP HALF! AS LONG AS WE SWIM DEEP UNDER THESE CROCODILES THEY CAN'T LOWER THE BOTTOM PART OF THEIR JAW TO NAB US.
THAT EVENING AFTER A GRUELLING DAY BEFORE THE CAMERAS ...
TONIGHT I SHALL SELECT ANOTHER FILM FROM THE LIBRARY OF BALFOR MASTERPIECES!
(WHISPER) HE'S BEEN MAKING US WATCH HIS OLD MOVIES EACH NIGHT SINCE WE'VE BEEN HERE! HE HAS PRINTS OF EVERY PICTURE HE EVER MADE, AND HE'S DETERMINED WE SEE THEM ALL
(WHISPER) GOLLY BATMAN... BALFOR CERTAINLY WAS A MASTER OF REALISM! YOU'D THINK THAT HERD OF ELEPHANTS WAS GOING TO TRAMPLE US!
(WHISPER) YOU'RE RIGHT, ROBIN... AND THAT REALISM HAS JUST GIVEN ME AN IDEA IF I CAN FIND THE RIGHT FILM IN HIS LIBRARY

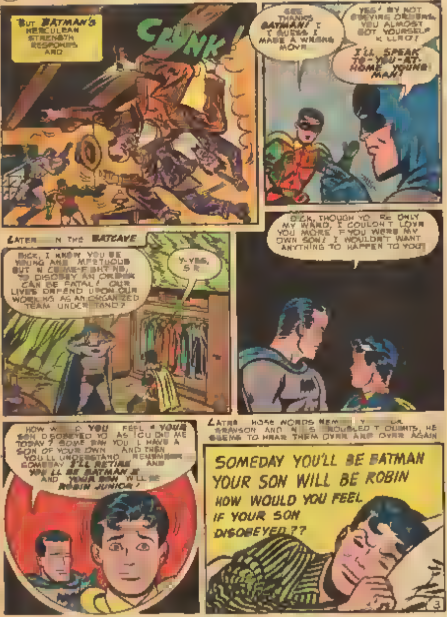

LATER WHILE EVERYONE SLEEPS
IF WE STEP TOO CLOSE TO THAT FENCE BALFOUR WILL SPOT US AN[illegible] [illegible] HE KEEPS [illegible]
YES [illegible] HE KEEPS ON DRIVING THE ACTORS THE WAY HE HAS BEEN THEY'LL SOON COLLAPSE WITH SERIOUS HARM TO THEIR HEALTH
THAT'S TRUE BATMAN, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? BY [illegible]
I'VE GOT AN IDEA ROBIN! IT'S A LONG SHOT BUT IT MAY WORK. FIRST WE MUST COLLECT [illegible] SHEETS FROM [illegible] IN EVERY [illegible]
SHEETS? WHAT'S BATMAN GOING TO DO WITH THEM? CAN YOU GUESS?
SOON AFTER [illegible] DARKNESS BEFORE DAWN...
(WHISPER) HERE'S THE LAST BATCH I GOT THEM FROM [illegible]
(WHISPER) NICE GOING... WE MUST WORK FAST NOW TO BE READY BEFORE THE [illegible]
MINUTES LATER IN BALFOUR'S TRAILER
MAX, MAX, QUICK! COME WITH ME. SOMETHING TERRIBLE [illegible]
ROAR
THE DAM'S BROKEN THERE'S A SOLID WALL OF WATER RACING TOWARD US WE'RE DOOMED


SOON...
ALL RIGHT! WE SAVED THE FILM! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!
FINALLY, FROM A SAFE VANTAGE POINT--
AT LAST-- WE'RE OUT OF THE VALLEY! YOU HAVE NO HOLD ON [illegible] BALFOR!
WAIT! THAT WALL OF WATER... IT HASN'T MOVED FROM WHERE WE FIRST SPOTTED IT! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WHILE DOWN BELOW...
IT WORKED, ROBIN! WHEN WE PROJECTED THE MOVIE OF THIS FLOOD FROM THE REAR, THESE SHEETS SEWN TOGETHER WORKED LIKE A HOLLYWOOD PROCESS SCREEN!
LUCKY YOU REMEMBERED THAT ONE OF BALFOR'S OLD TIME PICTURES, INC. USED A GIANT FLOOD SCENE! IT WAS SO REALISTIC [illegible] ED HIM
ROAR
EVEN THOUGH BALFOR'S PICTURE IS SILENT, THE WIND MACHINE MAKES A ROAR LIKE A REAL
SO YOU FOOLED ME, DID YOU? WELL, YOU WON'T SUCCEED-- YOU WON'T RUIN MY CHANCE TO SHOW HOLLYWOOD THAT I AM STILL THE WORLD'S GREATEST DIRECTOR!
WHEN I [illegible] IT [illegible] OF THE [illegible] BUT ON ON THIS [illegible] WHICH WILL [illegible] THE DAM [illegible] I'LL HAVE TIME TO ESCAPE, BUT YOU TWO WILL REMAIN... AND THIS TIME, THE FLOOD YOU SEE WILL BE THE REAL THING! HA HA
A [illegible] LATER [illegible] DAWN SPREADS A PA[illegible] VALLEY
WHOOSH!
ROAR!
HE'S DONE IT! BATMAN [illegible] FROM THE DAM [illegible] BEEN [illegible]


WAIT—THERE'S STILL A CHANCE, ROBIN! THE CARBONS WHICH PROVIDE LIGHT FOR THIS PROJECTOR ARE STILL GLOWING HOT! I CAN JUST GET MY WRISTS CLOSE ENOUGH TO BURN THESE BONDS
ROAR
FLEET MOMENTS AFTER .
WE MADE IT! THOSE CARBONS BURNED THROUGH YOUR BONDS JUST IN TIME FOR YOU TO RELEASE ME AND CLIMB OUT BEFORE THE WATER SWEPT THROUGH!
BUT I DON'T SEE BALFOR. I WONDER IF HE GOT OUT OF THE VALLEY?
AND WHEN THEY REACH THE TOP .
LOOK DOWN THERE. IT'S THE CHIEF! THE FLOOD'S ALMOST OVERTAKEN HIM! HE HASN'T A CHANCE! OH NO.
HE'S GOT REELS OF FILM WITH HIM. IT MUST BE THE FLOOD PICTURE WE WERE RUNNING... IN HIS HASTE TO TIE US UP, HE FORGOT ABOUT IT. BUT BALFOR COULDN'T BEAR TO PART WITH ONE OF HIS FILMS. SO HE RISKED HIMSELF TO GO BACK FOR IT
MAX! THE CAMERA! START SHOOTING! THIS IS A GREAT SCENE. A SCENE DIRECTED BY BALFOR, STARRING BALFOR. ACTION! CAMERA!
I'M SHOOTING THE FILM IT. IT'S OUR MOST SENSATIONAL PICTURE
BATMAN, HE'S ACTUALLY DIRECTING HIS OWN DEATH SCENE!
AND SO SEVERAL WEEKS LATER .
GOSH BATMAN, WE'RE REALLY BIG STARS NOW
BUT DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD, ROBIN! THESE FOOTPRINTS IN THE CEMENT MAY LAST BUT THE PERSON CAN BE QUICKLY FORGOTTEN. FOR INSTANCE HOW MANY PEOPLE REMEMBER THE MAN WHOSE FOOTPRINTS ARE NEXT TO YOURS. THE FOOTPRINTS OF GRIFFIN BALFOR
CRIME CRUSHERS STARRING BATMAN ROBIN
GRIFFIN BALFOR
THE END


BATMAN
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
SOME DAY BATMAN'S MUSCLES WILL BE TIRED. SOME DAY BATMAN WILL BE OLD, AND THEN BATMAN WILL AND MUST RETIRE!! IT'S ONLY LOGICAL THEN THAT ROBIN, A BOY NO LONGER, WOULD BECOME BATMAN'S SUCCESSOR, BATMAN II! THAT WILL BE AN EVENTFUL DAY, AND WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THAT DAY TO YOU RIGHT NOW! MORE THAN THAT, YOU'LL MEET THE SON OF DICK GRAYSON, THE MAN -- A SON WHO WILL INHERIT THE GARB OF HIS PARENT SO THAT TOGETHER THEY FORM THE FATHER-SON TEAM OF
"BATMAN II AND ROBIN, JUNIOR!"
BOB KANE
YOU SENT FOR US, POLICE COMMISSIONER BATMAN?
YES, WE NEED THE HELP OF BATMAN II AND ROBIN JUNIOR!


ONCE AGAIN THAT EERIE BEAM OF LIGHT THE BAT-SIGNAL FLASHES ACROSS THE SKYLINE OF GOTHAM CITY TO SUMMON BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON INTO FIGHTING RAIMENT...
WE'RE BEING PAGED AGAIN!
COME ON, DICK, INTO YOUR ACTION CLOTHES
GLAD AS THE WORLD FAMED TEAM OF BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER THE DUO IS GREETED BY POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS
I JUST GOT A TIP WHERE FOXY FENTON IS HIDING OUT
GOOD! WE'VE BEEN AFTER THAT CROOK FOR MONTHS
LATER...
FOXY FENTON IS TRICKY SO I'LL TACKLE HIM. YOU GO AFTER HIS STOOGE! THAT'S AN ORDER!
RIGHT!
AS THEY CRASH INTO THE HUT
WHA ?? BATMAN AND ROBIN!
FOX'S REALLY OFF GUARD AND WIDE-OPEN FOR A RIGHT HOOK! BATMAN WON'T MIND IF I DISOBEY HIM THIS ONCE
BUT AS ROBIN DARTS FORWARD SUDDENLY!
OW!
SNAP
SAP!
ROBIN! THAT RECKLESS KID HAS GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO TROUBLE!
IN JUST ONE MINUTE IT'LL BE TWO AGAINST BATMAN!


BUT BATMAN'S HERCULEAN STRENGTH RESPONDS AND
CRUNK!
GEE THANKS BATMAN! I I GUESS I MADE A WRONG MOVE
YES! BY NOT OBEYING ORDERS, YOU ALMOST GOT YOURSELF KILLED!
I'LL SPEAK TO-YOU-AT-HOME, YOUNG MAN!
LATER... IN THE BATCAVE
DICK, I KNOW YOU'RE YOUNG AND IMPETUOUS BUT IN CRIME-FIGHTING, TO DISOBEY AN ORDER CAN BE FATAL! OUR LIVES DEPEND UPON OUR WORKING AS AN ORGANIZED TEAM. UNDERSTAND?
Y-YES, SIR
DICK, THOUGH YOU'RE ONLY MY WARD, I COULDN'T LOVE YOU MORE IF YOU WERE MY OWN SON! I WOULDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO YOU!
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOUR SON DISOBEYED YOU AS YOU DID ME TODAY? SOME DAY YOU'LL HAVE A SON OF YOUR OWN AND THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND. REMEMBER, SOMEDAY I'LL RETIRE AND YOU'LL BE BATMAN II AND YOUR SON WILL BE ROBIN JUNIOR!
LATER, THOSE WORDS REMAIN WITH YOUNG DICK GRAYSON AND IN HIS TROUBLED THOUGHTS, HE SEEMS TO HEAR THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN
SOMEDAY YOU'LL BE BATMAN
YOUR SON WILL BE ROBIN
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL
IF YOUR SON
DISOBEYED??
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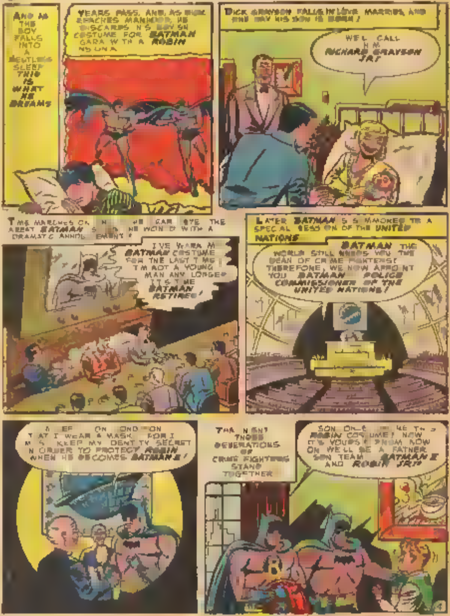
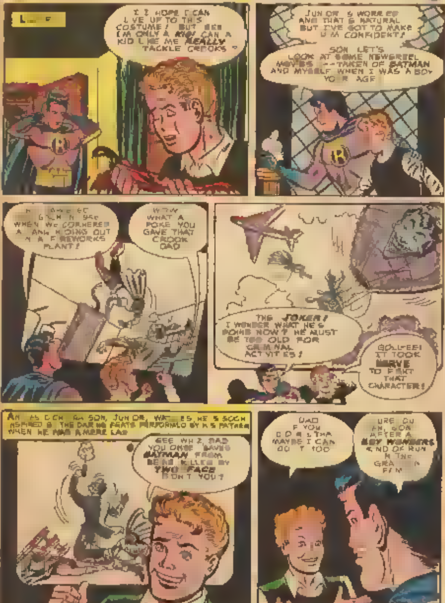
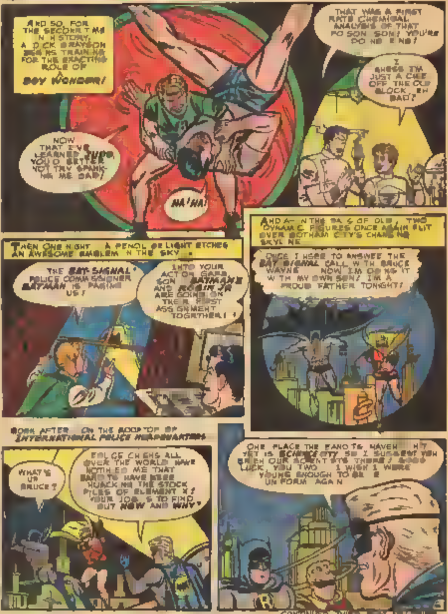

AND AS THE BOY FALLS INTO A RESTLESS SLEEP THIS IS WHAT HE DREAMS
YEARS PASS, AND, AS DICK REACHES MANHOOD, HE DISCARDS HIS BOY SUIT COSTUME FOR BATMAN GARB WITH A ROBIN [illegible]
DICK GRAYSON FALLS IN LOVE, MARRIES, AND ONE DAY HIS SON IS BORN!
WE'LL CALL HIM RICHARD GRAYSON JR.!
TIME MARCHES ON [illegible] CAN SEE THE AGEING BATMAN [illegible] THE WORLD WITH A DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT!
I'VE WORN MY BATMAN COSTUME FOR THE LAST TIME! I'M NOT A YOUNG MAN ANY LONGER! IT'S TIME BATMAN RETIRED!
LATER BATMAN IS SUMMONED TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
BATMAN, THE WORLD STILL NEEDS YOU, THE DEAN OF CRIME FIGHTERS! THEREFORE, WE NOW APPOINT YOU, BATMAN, POLICE COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED NATIONS!
I ACCEPT ON CONDITION THAT I WEAR A MASK! FOR I MUST KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET IN ORDER TO PROTECT ROBIN WHEN HE BECOMES BATMAN II!
THAT NIGHT THREE GENERATIONS OF CRIME FIGHTING STAND TOGETHER
SON, ONCE I WORE THIS ROBIN COSTUME! NOW IT'S YOURS! FROM NOW ON WE'LL BE A FATHER-SON TEAM -- BATMAN II AND ROBIN JR.!


L... F
I I HOPE I CAN LIVE UP TO THIS COSTUME! BUT GEE I'M ONLY A KID! CAN A KID LIKE ME REALLY TACKLE CROOKS ?
JUNIOR'S WORRIED AND THAT'S NATURAL BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM CONFIDENT!
SON LET'S LOOK AT SOME NEWSREEL MOVIES --TAKEN OF BATMAN AND MYSELF WHEN I WAS A BOY YOUR AGE
H ... G ... N ... WHEN WE CORNERED A GANG HIDING OUT IN A FIREWORKS PLANT!
WOW WHAT A POKE YOU GAVE THAT CROOK DAD
THE JOKER! I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING NOW? HE MUST BE TOO OLD FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES!
GOLLEE! IT TOOK NERVE TO FIGHT THAT CHARACTER!
AN... AS DICK ... HIS SON, JUNIOR, WATCHES HE IS SOON INSPIRED BY THE DARING FEATS PERFORMED BY HIS FATHER WHEN HE WAS A MERE LAD
GEE WHIZ, DAD YOU ONCE SAVED BATMAN FROM BEING KILLED BY TWO FACE DIDN'T YOU?
DAD IF YOU DID ALL THAT MAYBE I CAN DO IT TOO
SURE YOU CAN, SON AFTER A BOY WONDERS KIND OF RUN IN THE GRA... FAM...


AND SO, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN HIS STORY, A DICK GRAYSON BEGINS TRAINING FOR THE EXACTING ROLE OF A BOY WONDER!
NOW THAT I'VE LEARNED JUDO, YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY SPANKING ME, DAD!
HA! HA!
THAT WAS A FIRST RATE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THAT POISON, SON! YOU'RE DOING FINE!
I GUESS I'M JUST A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK, EH DAD?
THEN ONE NIGHT, A PENCIL OF LIGHT ETCHES AN AWESOME EMBLEM IN THE SKY...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! POLICE COMMISSIONER BATMAN IS PAGING US!
INTO YOUR ACTION GARB, SON! BATMAN II AND ROBIN JR. ARE GOING ON THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT TOGETHER!
AND AGAIN, IN THE DAYS OF OLD, TWO DYNAMIC FIGURES ONCE AGAIN FLIT OVER GOTHAM CITY'S CHANGING SKYLINE
ONCE I USED TO ANSWER THE BAT-SIGNAL CALL WITH BRUCE WAYNE... NOW I'M DOING IT WITH MY OWN SON! I'M A PROUD FATHER TONIGHT!
SOON AFTER, ON THE ROOFTOP OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS
WHAT'S UP, BRUCE?
POLICE CHIEFS ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE NOTIFIED ME THAT BANDITS HAVE BEEN HIJACKING THE STOCK PILES OF ELEMENT X! YOUR JOB IS TO FIND OUT HOW AND WHY!
ONE PLACE THE BANDITS HAVEN'T HIT YET IS SCIENCE CITY, SO I SUGGEST YOU BRIEF OUR SCIENTISTS THERE! GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO... I WISH I WERE YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE IN UNIFORM AGAIN!

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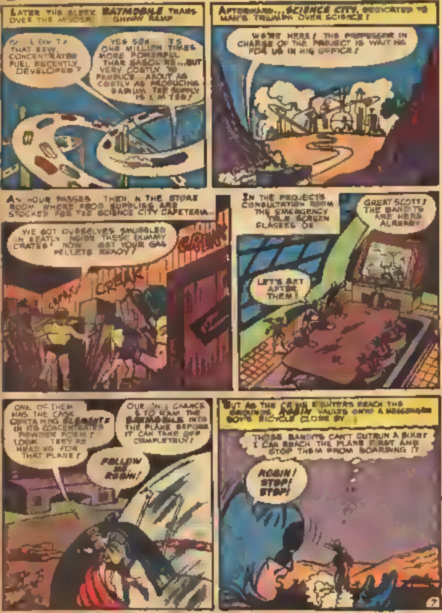
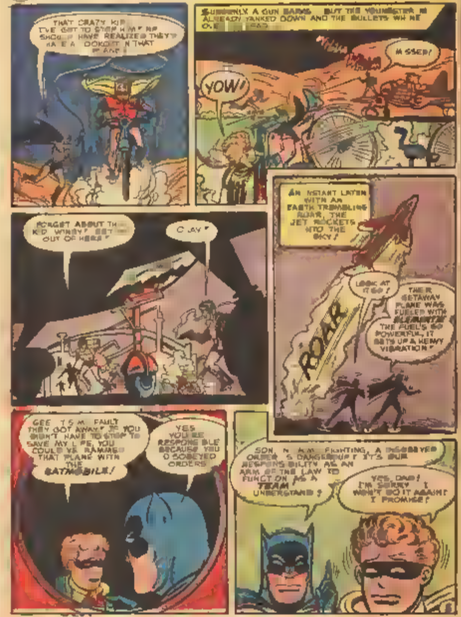
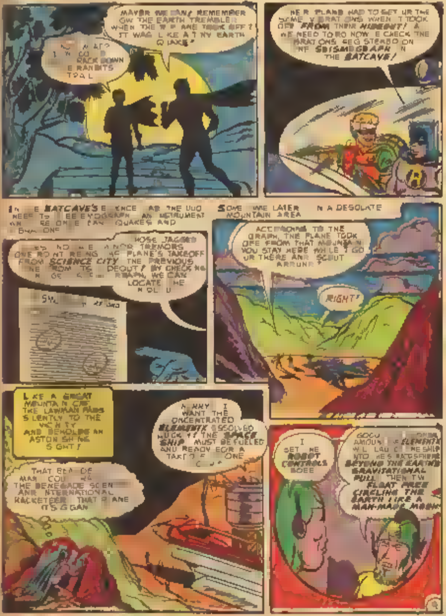
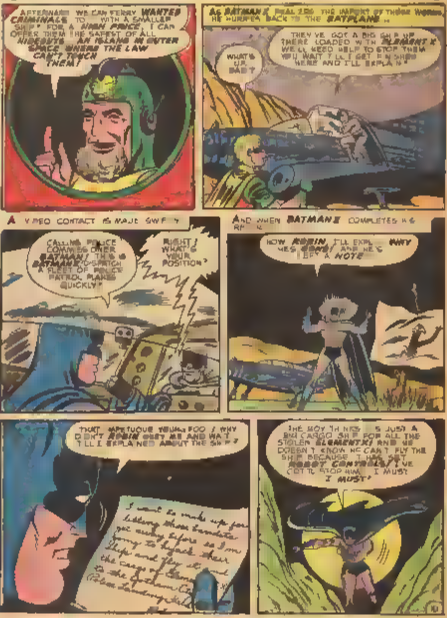
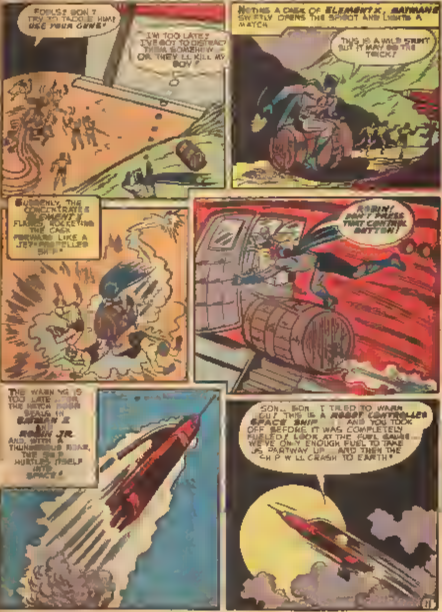
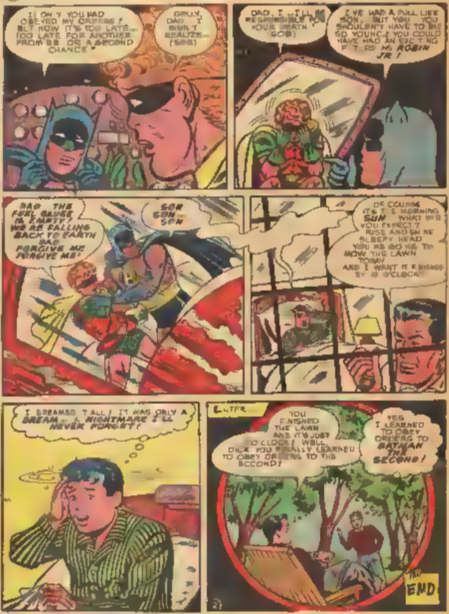

LATER THE SLEEK BATMOBILE TRAVELS OVER THE [illegible] HIGHWAY RAMP
[illegible] THAT NEW CONCENTRATED FUEL RECENTLY DEVELOPED?
YES SON... IT'S ONE MILLION TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN GASOLINE... BUT VERY COSTLY TO PRODUCE... ABOUT AS COSTLY AS PRODUCING RADIUM. THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED!
AFTERWARD... SCIENCE CITY, DEDICATED TO MAN'S TRIUMPH OVER SCIENCE!
WE'RE HERE! THE PROFESSOR IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT IS WAITING FOR US IN HIS OFFICE!
AN HOUR PASSES. THEN, IN THE STORE ROOM WHERE FOOD SUPPLIES ARE STOCKED FOR THE SCIENCE CITY CAFETERIA...
WE GOT OURSELVES SMUGGLED IN NEATLY INSIDE THESE DUMMY CRATES! NOW GET YOUR GAS PELLETS READY!
CREAK
CREAK
CRAAK
IN THE PROJECT'S CONSULTATION ROOM THE EMERGENCY TELE-SCREEN FLASHES ON
GREAT SCOTT! THE BANDITS ARE HERE ALREADY
LET'S GET AFTER THEM!
ONE OF THEM HAS THE CASK CONTAINING [illegible] IN ITS CONCENTRATED POWDER FORM! LOOK... THEY'RE HEADING FOR THAT PLANE!
OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO RAM THE BATMOBILE INTO THE PLANE BEFORE IT CAN TAKE OFF COMPLETELY!
FOLLOW ME, ROBIN!
BUT AS THE CRIME FIGHTERS REACH THE GROUNDS, ROBIN VAULTS ONTO A MESSENGER BOY'S BICYCLE CLOSE BY...
THOSE BANDITS CAN'T OUTRUN A BIKE! I CAN REACH THE PLANE FIRST AND STOP THEM FROM BOARDING IT
ROBIN! STOP! STOP!


THAT CRAZY KID! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM! HE SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THEY'D HAVE A LOOKOUT IN THAT PLANE!
SUDDENLY A GUN BARKS... BUT THE YOUNGSTER IS ALREADY YANKED DOWN AND THE BULLETS WHINE OVERHEAD!
MISSED!
YOW!
FORGET ABOUT THE KID, WINDY! GET OUT OF HERE!
OKAY!
AN INSTANT LATER, WITH AN EARTH-TREMBLING ROAR, THE JET ROCKETS INTO THE SKY!
LOOK AT IT GO!
THEIR GETAWAY PLANE WAS FUELED WITH [illegible] THE FUEL'S SO POWERFUL, IT SETS UP A HEAVY VIBRATION!
ROAR
GEE, IT'S MY FAULT THEY GOT AWAY! IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO STOP TO SAVE MY LIFE, YOU COULD'VE RAMMED THAT PLANE WITH THE BATMOBILE!
YES, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE YOU DISOBEYED ORDERS!
SON, IN CRIME FIGHTING, A DISOBEYED ORDER IS DANGEROUS! IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN ARM OF THE LAW TO FUNCTION AS A TEAM! UNDERSTAND?
YES, DAD! I'M SORRY... I WON'T DO IT AGAIN! I PROMISE!


MAYBE WE CAN'T REMEMBER HOW THE EARTH TREMBLED WHEN THE PLANE TOOK OFF? IT WAS LIKE A TINY EARTHQUAKE!
[illegible] WHAT? [illegible] COULD [illegible] BACK DOWN [illegible] BANDITS TRAIL
HER PLANE HAD TO SET UP THE SAME VIBRATIONS WHEN IT TOOK OFF FROM THEIR HIDEOUT! ALL WE NEED TO DO NOW IS CHECK THE VIBRATIONS REGISTERED ON THE SEISMOGRAPH IN THE BATCAVE!
IN THE BATCAVE'S [illegible] AS THE DUO HEED THE SEISMOGRAPH, AN INSTRUMENT [illegible] QUAKES AND [illegible]
SOME TIME LATER IN A DESOLATE MOUNTAIN AREA
THOSE JAGGED [illegible] MINOR TREMORS ONE RIGHT AFTER THE PLANE'S TAKEOFF FROM SCIENCE CITY THE PREVIOUS [illegible] FROM ITS HIDEOUT! BY CHECKING [illegible] GRAPH, WE CAN LOCATE THE HOLD-UP
ACCORDING TO THE GRAPH, THE PLANE TOOK OFF FROM THAT MOUNTAIN! YOU STAY HERE WHILE I GO UP THERE AND SCOUT AROUND!
RIGHT!
LIKE A GREAT MOUNTAIN CAT, THE BATMAN PADS SILENTLY TO THE VICINITY AND BEHOLDS AN ASTONISHING SIGHT!
HURRY! I WANT THE CONCENTRATED ELEMENT-X DISSOLVED [illegible] THE SPACE SHIP MUST BE FUELED AND READY FOR A TAKEOFF [illegible] ONE [illegible]
THAT BEARDED MAN COULD [illegible] THE RENEGADE SCIENTIST AND INTERNATIONAL RACKETEER! THAT PLANE [illegible] ITS GIGANTIC [illegible]
I SET THE ROBOT CONTROLS [illegible]
GOOD! [illegible] AMOUNT OF ELEMENT-X WILL LAUNCH THE SHIP INTO THE STRATOSPHERE BEYOND THE EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL! THEN IT'LL FLOAT FREE, CIRCLING THE EARTH LIKE A MAN-MADE MOON!


AFTERWARD WE CAN FERRY WANTED CRIMINALS TO ... WITH A SMALLER SHIP FOR A HIGH PRICE. I CAN OFFER THEM THE SAFEST OF ALL HIDEOUTS -- AN ISLAND IN OUTER SPACE WHERE THE LAW CAN'T TOUCH THEM!
AS BATMAN REALIZES THE IMPORT OF THOSE WORDS, HE HURRIES BACK TO THE BATPLANE ...
WHAT'S UP, DAD?
THEY'VE GOT A BIG SHIP UP THERE LOADED WITH ELEMENT X WE'LL NEED HELP TO STOP THEM. YOU WAIT TILL I GET FINISHED HERE AND I'LL EXPLAIN!
A VIDEO CONTACT IS MADE SWIFTLY
CALLING POLICE COMMISSIONER -- BATMAN! THIS IS BATMAN! DISPATCH A FLEET OF POLICE PATROL PLANES QUICKLY!
RIGHT! WHAT'S YOUR POSITION?
AND WHEN BATMAN COMPLETES HIS REPORT ...
NOW ROBIN, I'LL EXPLAIN WHY -- HE'S GONE! AND HE'S LEFT A NOTE
THAT IMPETUOUS YOUNG FOOL! WHY DIDN'T ROBIN OBEY ME AND WAIT TILL I EXPLAINED ABOUT THE SHIP?
I want to make up for letting those bandits get away before so I'm going to hijack their ship and fly it and the cargo of Element X to the Gotham City Police Landing Field
THE BOY THINKS IT'S JUST A BIG CARGO SHIP FOR ALL THE STOLEN ELEMENT X! AND HE DOESN'T KNOW HE CAN'T FLY THE SHIP BECAUSE IT HAS SET ROBOT CONTROLS! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM -- I MUST -- I MUST!


FOOLS! DON'T TRY TO TACKLE HIM! USE YOUR GUNS!
I'M TOO LATE! I'VE GOT TO DISTRACT THEM SOMEHOW -- OR THEY'LL KILL MY BOY!
NOTING A CASK OF ELEMENT X, BATMAN SWIFTLY OPENS THE SPIGOT AND LIGHTS A MATCH
THIS IS A WILD STUNT BUT IT MAY DO THE TRICK!
SUDDENLY, THE CONCENTRATED ELEMENT X FLARES, ROCKETING THE CASK FORWARD LIKE A JET-PROPELLED SHIP!
ROBIN! DON'T PRESS THAT CONTROL BUTTON!
THE WARNING IS TOO LATE ... FOR THE HATCH DOOR SEALS IN BATMAN II AND ROBIN JR. AND, WITH A THUNDEROUS ROAR, THE SHIP HURTLES ITSELF INTO SPACE!
SON... SON... I TRIED TO WARN YOU! THIS IS A ROBOT CONTROLLED SPACE SHIP ... AND YOU TOOK OFF BEFORE IT WAS COMPLETELY FUELED! LOOK AT THE FUEL GAUGE -- WE'VE ONLY ENOUGH FUEL TO TAKE US PARTWAY UP ... AND THEN THE SHIP WILL CRASH TO EARTH!


IF ONLY YOU HAD OBEYED MY ORDERS! BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE... TOO LATE FOR ANOTHER PROMISE OR A SECOND CHANCE!
GOLLY, DAD, I DIDN'T REALIZE... (SOB)
DAD, I... I'LL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR DEATH! (SOB)
I'VE HAD A FULL LIFE, SON, BUT YOU... YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DIE SO YOUNG... YOU COULD HAVE HAD AN EXCITING FUTURE AS ROBIN JR.!
DAD, THE FUEL GAUGE IS EMPTY! WE'RE FALLING BACK TO EARTH! DAD, FORGIVE ME, FORGIVE ME!
SON... SON... SON
OF COURSE IT'S THE MORNING SUN! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? RISE AND SHINE, SLEEPY HEAD! YOU'RE GOING TO MOW THE LAWN TODAY! AND I WANT IT FINISHED BY 10 O'CLOCK!
I DREAMED IT ALL! IT WAS ONLY A DREAM... A NIGHTMARE I'LL NEVER FORGET!
LATER
YOU FINISHED THE LAWN AND IT'S JUST 10 O'CLOCK! WELL, DICK, YOU FINALLY LEARNED TO OBEY ORDERS TO THE SECOND!
YES, I LEARNED TO OBEY ORDERS TO BATMAN THE SECOND!
THE END